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Another attempt to solve the problems caused by terminal expansion is illustrated in U.S. Pat. No. [4,445,356] 4,455,356 (col. 2, l. 22) to [Barrette] Barrett, (col. 2, l. 23) Jr. The '356 patent depicts a battery having a plastic bellows integrally molded or heat or sonically sealed to a battery cover at one end and either molded, heat or sonically sealed to a lead terminal extension or a plastic terminal sleeve at another end, wherein the plastic bellows is raised above the level of the battery cover and the terminal post passes through the plastic bellows.

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